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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Benson, Poulsen, Brandland, Deccio, Keiser, Thibaudeau, Franklin and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the substitution of a preferred drug for a
2 nonpreferred drug in hepatitis C virus treatments; and amending RCW
3 69.41.190.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.41.190 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 29 s 5 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any pharmacist filling a prescription under a state purchased
8 health care program as defined in RCW 41.05.011(2) shall substitute,
9 where identified, a preferred drug for any nonpreferred drug in a given
10 therapeutic class, unless the endorsing practitioner has indicated on
11 the prescription that the nonpreferred drug must be dispensed as
12 written, or the prescription is for a refill of an antipsychotic,
13 antidepressant, chemotherapy, antiretroviral, or immunosuppressive
14 drug, or for the refill of a immunomodulator/antiviral treatment for
15 hepatitis C for which an established, fixed duration of therapy is
16 prescribed for at least twenty-four weeks but no more than forty-eight
17 weeks, in which case the pharmacist shall dispense the prescribed
18 nonpreferred drug.

1 (2) When a substitution is made under subsection (1) of this
2 section, the dispensing pharmacist shall notify the prescribing
3 practitioner of the specific drug and dose dispensed.

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